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1. IN REVIEWING OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPERATIONS
MEMORANDUM (POM) WHICH IS BEING SUBMITTED TO CINCPAC WEEK OF
FEB 25 I WAS STRUCK BY THE EXTENSIVE TRAINING OF FILIPINOS
IN CONUS. WHILE I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SOPHISTICATED
TECHNICAL AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN THE U.S. WILL BE
REQUIRED FOR MANY YEARS, IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE TO
ENCOURAGE INTRA-AREA TRAINING OF LESS SOPHISTICATED
NATURE. I WOULD SPECIFICALLY PROPOSE THAT ASEAN
STATES COULD ESTABLISH TRAINING CENTERS SELECTIVELY, IN
WHICH ASEAN FORCES COULD BE TRAINED ON A CENTRALIZED

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BASIS WHICH WOULD OBVIATE REDUNDANCY. WHILE EACH

INDIVIDUAL ASEAN STATE COULD NOT AFFORD FULL CATALOG OF TRAINING, COLLECTIVELY THEY MIGHT SWING SEVERAL SUCH CENTERS.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO URGE CINCPAC AND OTHERS TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ENCOURAGING INTRA-AREA TRAINING AND SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO ASEAN COUNTRY INSTITUTIONS, WHICH MIGHT SERVE AS ASEAN CENTERS, TO UPGRADE TRAINING FACILITIES AND COURSES. IN THE MEANTIME, TO START THE BALL ROLLING, I HAVE REQUESTED JUSMAG TO SURVEY TRAINING FACILITIES IN PHILIPPINES WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.
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